

CLAIMS AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended) A method of ~~operating~~ restarting a controller (30) ~~to control that controls~~ an installation for the production and packaging of cigarettes ~~and or~~ cigars, the controller (30) being located on a communication medium bus (33), the controller (13) comprising an interface (34) connected to the bus (33), a main memory (36) for the storage of a control program (31) and means for executing the control program (31), the method comprising the steps of:

a) storing configuration data (40) in a removable memory module (39) in such that, when the controller (30) is restarted, the configuration data (40) are read out;

~~b) accessing a remote memory (32) using the configuration data (40) via the bus (33);~~

~~c) transferring the configuration data (40) stored in the memory remote memory (32) to the controller (30);~~

~~d~~ b) executing an installation program (42), stored in the main memory (36) of the controller (30) when the controller (30) is restarted, wherein the execution of the installation program (42) comprises using the configuration data (40) stored in the removable memory module (39) to access the remote memory (32) via the bus (33);

~~e~~ c) transferring a copy of the control program (31), stored in the remote memory (32), into the main memory (36) of the controller (30), for controlling the installation; and

~~f~~ d) overwriting a previous reference to calling the installation program (42) by a current reference to calling the control program (31) during the transfer of the copy of the control program (31) into the main memory (36) of the controller (30),

wherein the control program (31) comprises instructions for controlling elements of a fabrication unit of the installation for the production and packaging of cigarettes or cigars.

2. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, further comprising configuring the interface (34) with a unique address for the controller (30) on the bus (33) when the controller (30) is restarted.

3. (cancelled).

4. (cancelled).

5. (currently amended) The method according to Claim 4 2, wherein the installation program (42) in the main memory (36) of the controller (30) is overwritten during the transfer of the copy of the control program (31) into the main memory (36) of the controller (30).

6. (currently amended) The method according to Claim 4 5, wherein the configuration data (40) comprise memory location data with regard to a memory location of the copy of the control program (31) with regard to the memory location of a last copy of the control program (31).

7. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 6, wherein the copy of the control program (31) is transferred into the main memory (36) of the controller (30) using the memory location data from the last memory location.

8. (currently amended) The method according to Claim 4 7, further comprising comparing the machine data and machines codes read in from the controller (30) when the controller (30) is restarted, before or with the start of the control program (31), wherein the configuration data (40) comprise machine data with regard to a machine executing the control program (31), and wherein the control program (31) is executed only when the machine codes match the machine data.

9. (cancelled).

10. (cancelled).